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In re the application of:

David J. Legare

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Examiner: A. Chevalier

For: Fire protection containers incorporating
Novel low free-water insulating materials

Confirmation No. 2329

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the first Office Action, dated October 3, 2002, and identified as Paper No.

6, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 1, with the following paragraph:

-- The present invention contemplates water-bearing silicate materials achieved by modifying the basic method of essentially reacting water glass with calcium chloride to bind the free water into solid form without adversely affecting the basic chemical and physical structure of the original product. The material is then dried by using a physical wicking agent, such as a cellulose sponge, adding an anhydrous salt to the material to form a crystalline hydrate, or adding calcium oxide or calcium hydroxide to the material to form a microstructure that

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